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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 18, 2025

To: Carla Short, Director, Public Works
Paul Yep, Acting Police Chief, Police Department
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Dean Crispin, Fire Chief, Fire Department
Mary Ellen Carroll, Executive Director, Department of Emergency Management

From:  Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors

Subject: Commemorative Street Name Designation - Pierce Street from Fulton Street to Golden Gate Avenue - "Dr. Amos C. Brown Way" (File No. 250524)

On June 3, 2025, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 276-25, sponsored by Supervisors Mahmood, Walton, and Mandelman (File No. 250524, Commemorative Street Name Designation - Pierce Street from Fulton Street to Golden Gate Avenue - "Dr. Amos C. Brown Way"), which was enacted on June 6, 2025.

Please find the attached courtesy copy of Resolution No. 276-25 for your office's information and consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184.

c: Members of the Board of Supervisors; Supervisors Bilal Mahmood, Shamann Walton, and Rafael Mandelman
David Steinberg, Public Works
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1 [Commemorative Street Name Designation - Pierce Street from Fulton Street to Golden Gate
2 Avenue - "Dr. Amos C. Brown Way"]

3 **Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Dr. Amos C. Brown Way" to**
4 **the 800 and 900 blocks of Pierce Street, from Fulton Street to Golden Gate Avenue, in**
5 **recognition of Dr. Brown's lifetime of leadership in civil rights and community-building**
6 **in San Francisco and around the world upon his retirement as Senior Pastor of Third**
7 **Baptist Church.**

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9 WHEREAS, The activist career of Reverend (Rev.) Dr. Amos C. Brown began with his
10 youth involvement in the NAACP in segregated Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown took part in the Freedom Rides and was one of eight students
12 of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Morehouse College; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown has led Third Baptist Church at the corner of Pierce Street and
14 McAllister Street since 1976 and has been a steadfast leader in the Western Addition
15 community; and

16 WHEREAS, Under Dr. Brown's leadership, Third Baptist Church stabilized the F.D
17 Haynes Gardens housing complex, established Friday Night Live and Back on Track youth
18 programs, and continues to serve seniors through community building and food for the needy;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown's impact on the community and commitment to social justice
21 extended well beyond the walls of the church; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown has led the San Francisco chapter of the National Association
23 for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), leading the fight for social justice and Black
24 empowerment in San Francisco; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown led fundraising and resettlement efforts for over 3,000 refugees
2 from Ethiopia and Eritrea, including hosting refugees in his own home that would go on to
3 become integral parts of the Western Addition and San Francisco community; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown has served his city on the Board of Supervisors and the City
5 College Board of Trustees, his state as vice-chair of the California Reparations Task Force,
6 and the world as a delegate to the United Nations Conference on Race and Intolerance; and

7 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works and the office of District 5 Supervisor
8 Bilal Mahmood is in receipt of a request from Third Baptist Church to rename two blocks of
9 Pierce Street between Fulton Street and Golden Gate Avenue in honor of Rev. Brown's
10 distinguished career; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That in order to honor the historic contributions of Dr. Brown, there shall
12 be an honorary naming of "Dr. Amos C. Brown Way" on Pierce Street between Fulton Street
13 and Golden Gate Avenue; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Public Works is directed to add the
15 honorary street name to its official list of Commemorative Street Names in accordance with
16 Public Works Code, Section 789 et seq.



City and County of San Francisco

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File Number: 250524

Date Passed: June 03, 2025

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June 02, 2025 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT

June 03, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

File No. 250524

I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/3/2025 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.

f Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

6.6.25

Date Approved